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THE END OF AN ERA



A generation mourns as the county's last drive-in is slated for destruction in early 1997
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Blevins defends diversity

CHARGES: Chancellor claims minority programs do not discriminate against white students.

By Steve Ball
el Don News Editor

Chancellor Vivian Blevins, who tendered her resignation in September, has again found herself at the center of controversy.

In transcripts released this week to the el Don, Blevins denied charges of reverse discrimination before a California Assembly education subcommittee hearing in late October.

The committee was chaired by Assemblyman Bernie Richter, (R) Chico. Richter is the author of an assembly bill aimed at eliminating affirmative action or preferential treatment in public employment or education. The bill holds any public or education official criminally liable, and subject to penalties of up to one year in jail and a \$1000 fine. Richter is also a vocal proponent of Proposition 209.

The primary focus of the questions directed to Blevins was awards ceremonies, banquets and other recognition programs sponsored either wholly or in part by the college. These programs for stu-

ETHNIC MIX AT RSC

ETHNICITY	PERCENT
American Indian	1
African-American	3
Asian	18
Latino	34
Filipino	1
White	37
Other	5
Unknown	0.2

dents of various ethnic backgrounds allegedly excluded, and therefore discriminated against, white students.

Richter asked Blevins if white Students were specifically excluded from these recognition banquets. Blevins told the committee that although whites were not sent invitations to these ceremonies they were still welcome to attend.

Hiring practices of faculty members was also an issue. Specifically Blevins was asked if she had ever refused a selection of the faculty hiring committee based on race. "Not as a sole factor," Blevins said. She read into record the count of new faculty hires in the past three years. In '93-'94 year there were six new faculty hires, one white. In the '94-'95 school year, out of 19 new

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Tis the season...



The Festival of Trees continues this week at South Coast Plaza's Crystal Court. Over 100 designer trees are on display this weekend to benefit Hoag Memorial Hospital.

Armando Mugica / el Don

THE JOB HUNT

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Networking is often considered to be that less than noble activity that is reserved only for the most desperate in their job search. Yet nothing could be (or should be) further from the truth. Networking is truly one of the most effective and efficient activities in finding your first position.

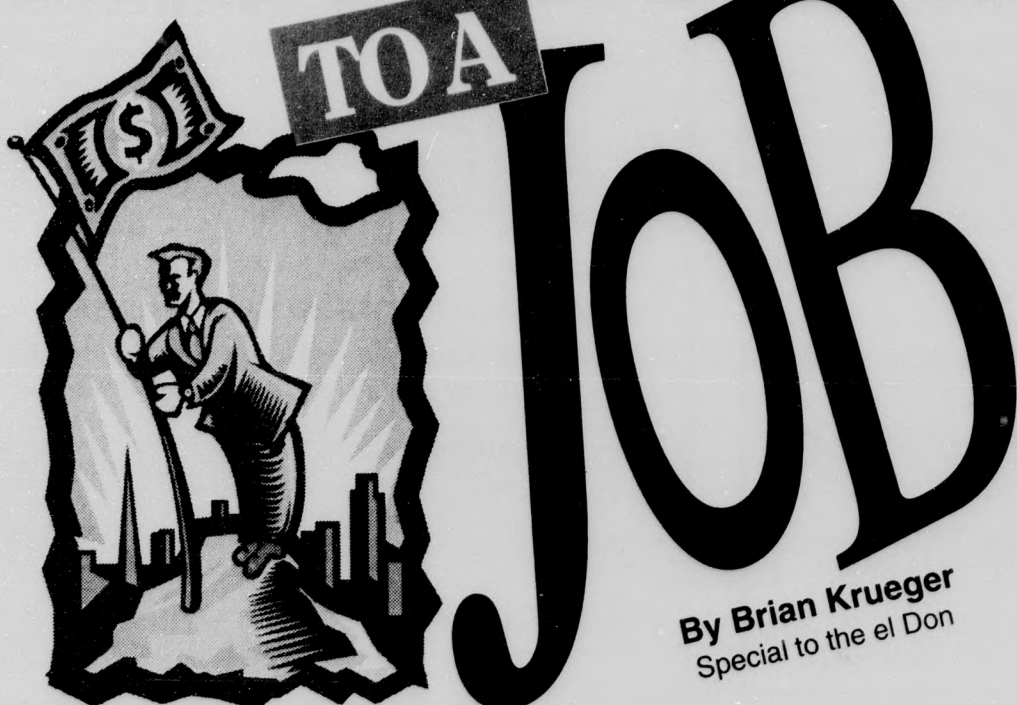
The reality of the job market is that many positions are never advertised, never recruited for, and are never made known outside of the organization. Yet they continue to be filled. How? By referral. By referral of someone internal or external; in other words, the "who-do-you-know" method of filling a job often is used. That's networking.

Let's understand some of the dynamics behind networking by looking at a practical case example.

Entry-level hiring within our company is usually planned a full eight to 12 months in advance of the actual hire date. The first

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STAKING CLAIM



By Brian Krueger
Special to the el Don

AVOID COVER LETTERS

If you're in pursuit of an outstanding entry-level position, you need to know the truth about cover letters. Contrary to some of the more fashionable books on job search, no one ever got a job because of a perfect cover letter. Cover letters are extremely limited in value, even when used properly.

So take everything you've ever heard, read, or seen about cover letters and throw it out! That's right, 99.44 percent of the information about cover letters is useless.

Why? Three reasons. First, most people assume that the cover letter is actually read before the resume. Wrong. Just ask anyone who reviews resumes: they go straight to the resume (if it's read at all) and only look at the cover letter if they're still interested. In my review of over 20,000 resumes, I've probably read only 4,000 cover letters, and that was done only after finding strong in-

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NEWS BRIEFS

□ NATION

OSTEOPOROSIS STARTS YOUNG

COLUMBUS, Ohio-Because the best time to prevent osteoporosis is when a woman is young, the disease should be reclassified as a pediatric condition.

That's according to Jasminka Ilich, a research scientist with Ohio State University's Bone and Mineral Metabolism Laboratory.

"Reaching peak bone mass, which is mostly genetically determined, can be influenced by environmental factors in childhood and adolescence," says Ilich. "If a woman doesn't reach this peak bone mass to maximum genetic potential, she'll end up with lower bone mass, which has consequences later in life."

Osteoporosis is classified as a geriatric condition because its symptoms appear as a woman ages.

Young women can reach maximum bone growth through a calcium-rich diet and exercise, according to Ilich.

□ STATE

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

LOMA LINDA - Giggle, snort, guffaw if you have to. When it comes to treating ills, laughter might be the best medicine of them all, researchers say.

"If we took what we now know about laughter and bottled it," said Lee Berk, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Loma Linda University, "it would require FDA approval."

A good belly laugh can work wonders when treating not just a bout with the blues, but also more serious diseases such as cancer and heart disease, Berk said.

Berk and Stanley Tan, also a Loma Linda professor, recently presented their findings on the medicinal benefits of mirth at the sixth annual meeting of the American Association for Therapeutic Humor.

The scientists say the most profound effects occur in the immune system, where levels of certain disease-fighting proteins and anti-bodies rise with laughter.

Their studies have shown that laughing lowers blood pressure and triggers a flow of beta endorphins, which induce a feeling of euphoria. A good giggle also shuts off the flow of stress hormones.

Other health-enhancing benefits of laughter have yet to be explored, they say.

□ CAMPUS

NOT SO FESTIVE FESTIVAL

Hispanics boycotted the "Thank You, America," International Festival, held at Rancho Santiago College this past weekend because of a door cover charge.

Immigrants and citizens, a majority of which were of Vietnamese descent, paid the admission fees but their Hispanic counterparts refused, claiming the event was advertised as free of charge.

Putting the admission controversy aside, visitors had a good time at the event.

"I think we're a nation of immigrants and it's about time we celebrate that fact," said Jim Walker, a former chair of Human Relations Commission for the city of Santa Ana.

By Sunday, some frustrated Spanish vendors did not set up. Others suffered from lack of customers.

Carnival rides operated with half empty seats and entertainers performed for sparse audiences.

Organizers had hoped to attract up to 100,000 visitors and Christmas shoppers.

The Hispanic boycott went unnoticed by those who did pay the admission fee. Shoppers milled around the many food and merchandise stands that were open.

Walker, calling himself a community mobilizer, he added, "The diversity finally comes together and does what it should be doing. That's having a pot luck."

- Harold Johnson

◆ FOR THE RECORD

In the Nov. 15 issue of the el Don, Giao Ngoc Trinh, a student from Vietnam who participated in the International Festival, was incorrectly identified as Huy Nguyen.

-compiled by el Don News Staff

HAVING FUN WITH CHAOS

SUCCESS: Teacher is recognized for using cutting edge theories and new technology to make math easier for students.

By John Petito
el Don Style Editor

Math professor John Smith, the 10th recipient of the Rancho's Distinguished Faculty Award presented some insight to the mysterious world of chaos at his reception ceremony last month.

Smith recently attended the Convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in San Diego with several instructors from the RSC math department.

During the convention, Smith asked his colleagues, "Is there a problem with our dependence on the historical nature of mathematics as a subject?" If that question proved true, Smith said, "I wanted to look at a new, relevant topic in the field of mathematics."

His search for relevance was not in vain; acquainting math students with chaos theory and fractal geometry is currently his goal.

"This is my attempt to introduce a topic," Smith said, "which is thought to be so inclusive that it will have to be studied and incorporated into every field of science, engineering, and computing; and into applications in art, music, sociology, ecology, economics and business in general."

But misinformation abounds, Smith says. The most commonly held misconception about chaos theory is that it is about disorder.

Nothing could be further from the truth. "The whole theory of chaos is an attempt to find order in systems that appears totally random," Smith said.

The discovery of fractals was made over 20 years ago by Benoit



Ralph Urquiza / el Don

John Smith, recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Faculty Award.

Mandelbrot. He realized that as much as people like to draw straight lines and circles, the real world has few of either. Coastlines are hopelessly irregular, as are the shapes of mountains and clouds.

Along with fractal geometry, chaos theory techniques have been used to model systems of dynamic equations from population growth to arrhythmic heart palpitations.

A dripping faucet seems random to the untrained ear, but when plotted as a strange attractor, reveals an eerie order unexpected by conventional means.

Indeed, references to chaos theory are showing up in the most likely places these days.

In art history, in comparative literature, in philosophy, eager graduate students and assistant professors are boning up on quantum mechanics and fractal geometry.

And of course, chaos theory now gives students a wonderfully fascinating way to become more interested in mathematics. Smith couldn't be happier.

"I find joy in trying to make a subject clear to my students that they may have found to be a mys-

tery," he said. "The problem for many math teachers is that they are in a subject which they have found easy ... and were good at while many others claim math was hard, mysterious, confusing, bound up in its own secret vocabulary that only math techies like Pythagoras could understand."

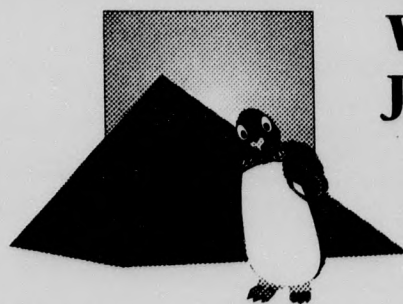
But chaos science affects our daily life, said Smith. Given the chance, he believes, it could shed light on a variety of chaotic phenomena such as the constant changes in state financing for community colleges like RSC.

Smith is always open to evaluating new approaches to teaching. He brought computers and graphic calculators to the program and promotes the use of new technology.

Having taught every level of math, Smith has revised the curricula to make sure students transferring to UC and CSU systems are appropriately prepared.

"Despite the subject matter," Smith said, "I feel most fortunate to be in a department which has embraced the use of new technology ... as we educate our students for the next century."

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Program targets black students

SUCCESS: Mentor project helps African American college students achieve goals

By Bruce Shorts
el Don Staff Writer

gang banging and running the streets was a means of survival for 26-year-old David Shaulis until he joined the African American Achievement Program at Rancho Santiago College.

The program was implemented to target academically at risk African American college students in order to help them develop the necessary skills to succeed.

Rancho counselor, and AAAP coordinator, Joyce Y. Norwood and Earl Mitchell, director of financial and administrative services started

the program after Rancho's research department statistics revealed that 3 percent of Rancho's population is African American and few complete their educations or transfer to state universities.

In 1995, RSC had two African Americans students transfer to the University of California system and 16 to California State Universities according to the research department at RSC.

"Many African American students aren't aware of the support services available at RSC to help them transfer to the next level," said Lydia Turner, AAAP counselor. "The program provides them with the information to succeed in higher education."

Benefits of the program include academic counseling and financial advice, financial aid assistance, mentors, a library orientation course and assistance in the transfer pro-

cess to a four-year college or university.

Students involved in the program enroll in four-linked courses with an Afrocentric perspective. These students attend classes together and work as a group.

An Afrocentric value system is designed to guide the students behavior and teach them how to work together, respect each other, and create productive lives.

"We want to set up a learning environment that gives our students a strong academic foundation," Norwood said, "which will give them the self confidence to compete in the UC and CSU programs."

With the help of this program, Delois Powell, who has attended RSC off and on since 1979, now plans to get her undergraduate degree and become a counselor.

"I like the program," Powell said. "The make-up of the school has

changed a lot and to be in class with other blacks is a great feeling."

Since the program's inception this fall, 50 students have enrolled in AAAP.

Students will be monitored and assessed for three years by an academic consortium, which includes: CSU Fullerton, UC Irvine, Santa Ana Unified School District and Rancho.

The consortium will evaluate the teaching strategies of the program to see if it increases the number of African American graduates.

Working together with the academic consortium, Links Inc., the Black Chamber of Commerce and 100 Black Men of Orange County are some of the organizations that send mentors to work with the students.

"We hope the program at Rancho becomes an example to other colleges and universities in Califor-

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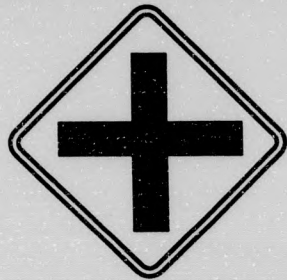
-Lydia Turner
African American Achievement Program counselor

nia," Norwood said.

Shaulis, who has now quit the streets, hopes to get a bachelor's degree in history and become an African American history teacher.

"I really appreciate the opportunity AAAP has given me," Shaulis said. "I'm finally following my dreams."

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NETWORK: Who you know can be just as important as what you know

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people made aware of any new hiring need are our management team. Planning for entry-level hiring is part of our strategic planning process. And the very first step in filling the position is taking internal recommendations from the management staff. The process goes to the next level when we announce the upcoming opportunity to all employees. This happens first at the local, then regional and finally national levels. If we have not yet identified potential candidates for the position after this, we then integrate the position into our on-campus hiring process. And no, we will never advertise the job opening. That's why job seekers who have tapped into our internal network often have an employment offer before we even begin our on-campus interviewing.

The "who-do-you-know" network is alive and functioning quite well, thank you, in the employment marketplace.

Yet most college students don't consider themselves to be very well plugged-in when it comes to networking. After all, students ask themselves, "Who do I know who can give me a job?" Probably no one. But networking is NOT about first-level contacts. The key to effective networking is what I call "The Ripple Effect." Simply stated, The Ripple Effect is similar to what happens when you toss a stone into a pond. The first ripple is the largest ripple, but it's the second and third ripples that covers the greatest area. The more stones that break the surface, the greater are your chances of covering the pond's sur-

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face with your ripples. Moral to the story: If you want to give yourself the opportunity to make a ripple in the marketplace, you're going to have to toss a few stones into the pond. Otherwise you probably won't even break the surface.

In building your job search network, you will need to develop a list of potential network contacts. Don't worry about their position. It's not who they are, it's who they know.

excluded from an English class meant to help black students.

Donald Singer, president of SBVC, denied Ingram's allegations. He said that the reason for her exclusion was that the class she had signed up for was the second half of a two semester course. He also said that the college agreed to settle the suit with a written pledge that all classes will be open to all students, regardless of race.

According to sources, a former RSC student, also testified before the committee. Alleging that she was not allowed to participate in the Asian Pacific awards program because of her race.

The next step in the process is up to the state legislature, whether or not to continue past the hearing stage. Robert J. Corry, council for

THE JOB HUNT

COVER LETTERS DON'T WORK

focal point of entry-level hiring. Therefore, most entry-level resumes are ignored. Many medium-sized and small companies don't have the resources to train entry-level hires, so the entry-level resume again will be ignored. The best you can hope for in a blind mailing campaign is that you will be filed away in hopes of being miraculously resurrected at some future date. Very unlikely.

So when should you use a cover letter? Only as part of a limited, targeted campaign to reach potential employers. Take the time to research and understand a company before committing yourself on paper as their next potential employee. If you have no idea what a company does, don't just send your resume and cover letter in blind hope of making a potential match. If you're not willing to invest the time and energy to find out whether a match is possible, why do you expect the Hiring Manager to do so?

When a cover letter is used, it should be specific and personal. It should be clean, clear laser copy, yet not mass-generated. Each letter should refer to a specific person at a specific company and provide a specific next step of action that you will be taking. Don't expect the employer to make the first step. If you wait for them to call you, your odds of contact

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decrease dramatically. The "Squeaky Wheel Theory" is alive and well in the employment field. If you respond to me, I'll respond to you. If not, you will likely find yourself buried underneath reams of other resumes. Be the one who stands out.

Remember, you need to make any mailing specific and follow-up on each letter personally by phone. Sound like a lot of work? Not when you consider the payoff. The initial investment per letter is certainly greater than a mail merge mass mailing, yet the benefits are far greater.

Mass mailings often generate zero results, while a targeted mailing and follow-up program can generate 10 to 15 percent or more in the interview production success.

Business Card Technique

One very practical device for facilitating networking is to use networking business cards. They are the same as a normal business card, with name, address and phone number. But instead of a title, you should have a short description of your greatest career asset or interest. For example: "Seeking Public Accounting Audit Position" or "Seeking Reporter Position with News Daily." This "Seeking..." line

replaces the standard title line on most business cards and makes it stand out in the eyes of the receiver. You can order 200-500 for a minimal cost at most print shops.

The simple mechanics behind developing a network contact involves making a phone call to the person and telling them, "I would like to include you in my network of job contacts." Then explain succinctly what you are looking for (have your 30-second "elevator

pitch" down pat) and offer to send them a copy of your resume and several networking business cards. Then ask them to contact you directly if they are aware of anyone who could be of further help. This important last step is what expands your network out to second and third levels. And by giving you the opportunity to directly get in touch with these next-level contacts, you are able to expand your network exponentially.

Who should you contact? First, contact your relatives. And not your immediate family-branch out into the family tree. Remember, it's not who they are, but who they know.

Next, contact friends ... old and new, high school and college, neighbors and social acquaintances. One of the best contacts in this group are your college friends who graduated last year. They're already through the job search process and probably have lots of contacts (and free advice).

Next, contact every known entity within your college ... professors, advisers, administrators, coaches (they are often amazingly well-connected!), and anyone else who has ties to your school. And be sure to reach beyond your circle of known alums to reach out to all alumni (recent or past) who are working for any target companies, within your target geography or within your chosen profession.

Lastly, contact past and present employers, professional associations, and social contacts through church, synagogue, club or other organization.

With this contact information you will have insider access to a plethora of companies that you may have never considered.

By contacting an employer, you now have a referral source who can assist you in getting in the door and can walk you through the required steps on your way toward a potential position and a hopeful future.

BLEVINS:

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faculty 11 were white, and in the '96-'97 school year, 18 of 28 new faculty members were white.

"We have allegations," Richter said regarding the hearings, "serious allegations about people's rights being violated." Several white students have complained that their civil rights have been violated by being excluded from various classes and programs at different community colleges throughout the state.

The first to testify before the committee was Janice Ingram, a white San Bernadino Valley College student who brought suit against that college last year. Ingram alleged that she had been

the committee said, "Hopefully the legislature will see fit to eradicate this type of racist discrimination." Corry was also the attorney for Janice Ingram and has other clients with similar suits pending.

George Wright, criminal justice instructor and past president of the Academic Senate expressed concern that discrimination does exist at Rancho. In the past three years on more than one occasion Wright has voiced his concerns to the chancellor and the chancellor's coordinating board. Wright said that in 1993 when he was president-elect of the Academic Senate he was approached by several students, both "Anglo and Chicano/Latino" in regards to the awards banquets.

"I went to the chancellor personally, because of my position as

president elect of the senate and asked why we were having awards for African American students and Chicano/Latino students and not for Asians and Anglos?," Wright said, "I thought this was discriminatory."

According to Wright, after informing Blevins of his concern he said that she telephoned an Asian staff member and gave them two weeks to start a similar program for Asian students. When he asked about the Anglo students Wright was told that "if they needed academic recognition they could attend Phi Theta Kappa or Alpha Gamma Sigma." Both of these organizations require a 3.25 or above grade point average for eligibility.

According to Blevins the Chicano/Latino and Asian Pacific scholar programs require a 3.0

GPA. All African American students are invited to participate in that recognition banquet.

Blevins told the committee that the reason that Asian Pacific and Chicano/Latino students are limited to 3.0 GPA's and above is that these ethnic groups have very large populations. In comparison, African Americans comprise about 2 percent of the population of the district.

Wright said that he again expressed his concern, this time to the Chancellor's Coordinating Board, and was "ignored."

"Under the current Chancellor, certain administrators, certain board members and certain faculty members," Wright said, "it is politically correct and socially acceptable to openly discriminate against the Anglo students of this district."

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MARS ATTACKS!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

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DEATH OF THE DRIVE-IN



Photo illustration by Armando Mucica

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hen I read about the closing of the Anaheim Drive-in this summer, I suddenly felt old.

The story showed pictures of the screens crashing to the ground and chronicled the life

expectancy of the two remaining drive-ins in Orange County.

Stadium Drive-in in Orange closed on Sept. 12 and Highway 39 Drive-in will close at the beginning of 1997 to make way for shiny new strip malls and walk-in theaters — a sign of the times.

The first drive-in was built in New Jersey by R.H. Hollingshead in June of 1933. Hollingshead called his invention the "park-in," and the cost was 25 cents per person, or \$1 per car.

Only 848 drive-ins remain in the United States today, with 131 of them in California. That is not many when you consider that in 1958, at the height of their popularity, there were 14,063 drive-ins nationwide.

Orange County will lose a piece of history with the destruction of the last drive-in. But it is the natural order of things. Out with the old and in with the new.

Some people believe that drive-ins are closing because people don't go to them. The real reason is that land is too valuable in today's economy. Drive-ins are built on about 18 acres of land valued today at \$700,000 - \$800,000 per acre. Those built during the '60s cost about \$175,000 each.

Profit potential has reduced the number of theaters from 14,063 in 1958 to only 848 today

Drive-ins only make money at night, but by building retail stores and walk-in theaters, which are planned for construction on the drive-in property, owners can charge high rents to businesses that make money all day long. Property owners, realizing the potential for dramatically increased incomes, decided to tear the drive-ins down.

I've talked to many young adults and children about going to drive-in theaters. They listen to me, but I can tell by the look in their eyes that they don't understand.

I remember feeling the same way when my mother told me about things from her youth. Like the first time she saw an image on a television screen in 1949, or when she talked about life during WWII.

During the war years people were issued ration stamps for nylons, sugar, coffee and gas. I would listen to her stories but I was too young to understand these things that were a part of her everyday life.

Maybe the children in our lives aren't sup-

posed to understand. Yesterday belongs to the older generations and, what they have brought to the world, is theirs to keep. For me, it is the radical movement of the '60s, civil rights marches, the Vietnam war, bra burnings, the computer craze and landing on the moon.

I find myself unable to believe that someone under 21 has never owned a record album, can't do long division without a calculator and doesn't know what fresh milk delivered by the milkman tastes like. They have never seen a rotary dial telephone, think The Beatles are a hot new group, can't imagine life before fax machines, CDs and computers and, as a kid, didn't spend every Saturday night at the drive-in theater.

No one watched the movie at the drive-in. You piled as many people as you could into a car (maybe even in the trunk), and set out lawn chairs in front of your space, or just sat on the hood.

You made your own popcorn and filled an

ice chest with soda and candy. You brought pillows and blankets in case it was cold. Drive-ins were all about the comradery of friends and checking on who was dating whom.

"I've been coming to the drive-in for 20 years," Paul McGuire of Anaheim said. "I brought all my girlfriends here."

"I ought to smack you for that," said his wife, Susan.

Paul replied, "I've been smacked here before."

I told my nephew they used to have swing sets and sandboxes at the drive-in. He gave me a puzzled look and said, "Why?"

I told him the drive-in had something for everyone. It was a place to go with the family. Small children wore their pajamas because they would usually fall asleep. The kids swarmed to the playground when they got bored with the movie. It was a place for gathering with groups of friends. And, of course, it was a place for dates. A place for youthful passion and steamed up windows.

The drive-in will go down in history and remain beautifully colored in our memories by the stories we tell our children and our grandchildren. When I was young, it was my mom's turn to pass on stories of how life used to be. Now it is mine.

When I look into the innocent eyes of my nieces and nephews, I wonder what their stories will be like. What memories will become so dear in their hearts that they must pass them along to their children?

Only time will tell ...

Sound Bites

RADIOACTIVE MUSIC

Fans of classic, modern or alternative rock can achieve fusion — without risk of contamination — listening to The Over-Reactors across the county from the Irvine Spectrum's Sloppy Joe's Bar to Huntington Beach's Rock n' Java as well as multiple Diedrich coffee locations.

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WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

Celebrate the holiday season with RSC's California Master Chorale, Concert Chorale. The concert includes traditional Christmas carols by the Harp Orchestra, and the California Handbell Ensemble.

Conducted by Dr. Larry K. Ball, the choirs present music and popular seasonal songs by Vivaldi, Bach and Benjamin Britten.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. At First Presbyterian Church of Orange, 191 N. Orange St., Orange. General admission is \$8 for students, seniors, children, \$6. For further info call: 564-5661

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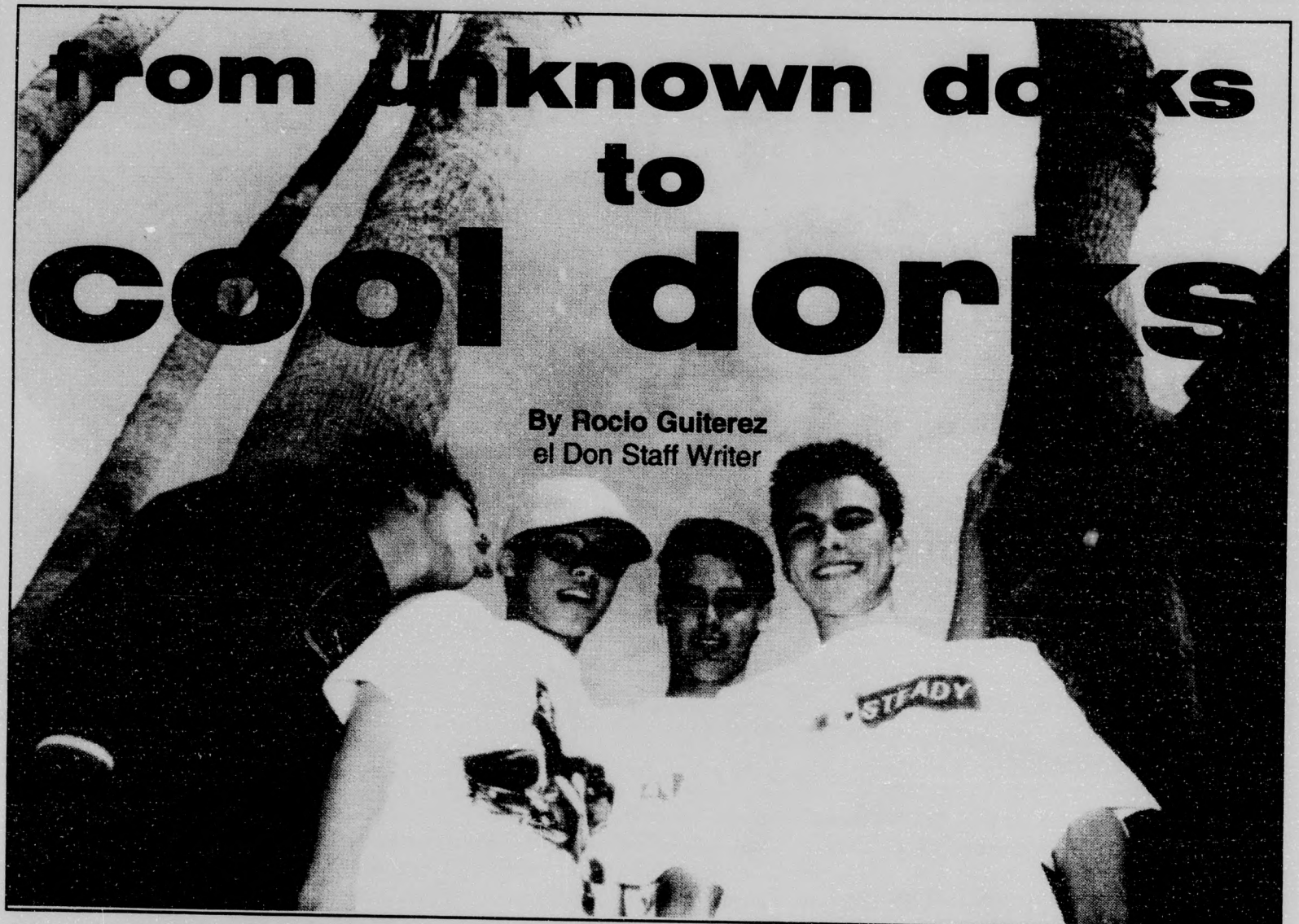
The scene is the lobby of a rundown hotel, so seedy that it has lost the "e" from its marquee.

A day in the lives of the residents unfolds as one of everyday encounters, dreams, and human comedy.

Show times during the week are at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14.

The HOT L BALTIMORE also runs on Sundays Dec. 8 & 15 at 2:30 p.m. General Admission is \$8. Tickets for Students, Seniors, Children and RSC Staff are \$6. Seating is limited. For ticket information call (714) 564-5661.

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By Roclo Gutierrez
el Don Staff Writer

Johnny Trash, Bobby Herco, Adumb Lohrach, and Ian Cone

Photo courtesy of Bobby Herco

filled with boredom and nothing to do, Bobby Herco and a couple of friends decide to take a guitar class at El Modena High School, in Orange.

If boredom had never struck the inspiration of this 21-year-old former Rancho Santiago College Student, the music and birth of "Home Grown" would be non-existing.

Four years ago they were a garage band playing at parties, and fiddling with anything they heard on the radio, from Nirvana to Metallica. The dream of the original members disintegrated when lead guitarist, Paul Dadant decided to attend the University Of California at Santa Barbara, and bassist Kenny Eidsvold decided to move North to Monterrey.

However, Herco managed to keep Home Grown's name alive, beginning with new band members, which make up the band today. The search was short, when all Herco had to do was look right in his own backyard. New members are all old high school buddies, except for Adumb Lohrbach whom was brought in by Johnee Trash.

Home Grown consists of drummer, Bobby Herco; lead vocals, Johnee Trash; lead guitar, Ian Cone; and Adumb Lohrbach on the bass guitar.

Entering contests such as Foothill High School's "Battle Of The Bands," playing at college clubs like Metropolis and various local O.C. parties has finally paid off.

"Emerging in Orange County's punk scene and being recognized is awesome," Herco says.

The band members are also all college students. Herco and Trash

Success hasn't changed the Orange County punk rock band Home Grown

now attend California State University, Fullerton, majoring in Business.

Herco hopes someday to own his own record store. "It's always important to have something to fall back on in case the music thing doesn't work out, but for right now it's an experience," Herco says.

"Music has led us to express our inner selves, and meet many people in the music industry," Herco says, "as well as getting in free to all kinds of shows with backstage passes, and getting offers for free clothes from Billabong and other manufacturers."

Home Grown's music is filled with power, punk, and ska influences from Screeching Weasel and Tool and from Wutang-Clan to Sublime which inspire

Trash and Lohrbach to write most of the bands' music. Everyone works together to combine different lyrics and creative ideas to add to their music and image of the band. With a twist of energy, the band mesmerizes its growing fans with its style and groove on stage.

Home Grown's first CD "That's Business," has already reached No. 1 at Bionic Records. The band also has a five song EP on a Swedish label, Burning Heart.

Currently they are working on a tribute single to the 80's new wave pop darlings, Duran Duran, with Liberation Records.

Recognition has already begun, and stardom does not seem far for yet another O.C. band. Opening for bands such as Sublime, Face to Face, Voodoo Glow Skulls, and Propaganda has led to many invitations to play at events such as Snow Valley's Snow Boarding Convention, playing at The Palace with Blink, and they have been featured as a "new band" on the world famous KROQ.

For now it is day to day, and gig to gig. This month the band will be opening for 311 in a benefit show in Hawaii. January will bring Home Grown to its first tour beginning in Florida.

According to Herco, "Success hasn't changed anyone. We are still the same dorks we were back at ELMO, except now we're cool dorks!"

Catch Home Grown this Friday, Dec. 6 at The Wreck Room in Huntington Beach Old World as they open for the record release party for "Juice Bros.," formerly Eric and Bud from Sublime.

Also performing is SX10 with Sen-Dog from Cypress Hill. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale.



Photo courtesy of Mike Smith

Ian Cone and Adumb Lohrbach attend college like the rest of the band.

FELIX FOR FAB FOOD

REVIEW: Tasty treats from Cuba and Spain on the Orange Circle... al fresco

By Don Dixon
el Don Sports Editor

Now that I'm engaged to the most wonderful woman in the world and out of the dating scene, I can share one of my favorite dating secrets - Felix Continental Cafe on the Orange Circle.

This little eatery, with umbrella-covered seating on a red-brick sidewalk, is the perfect setting for that romantic date and is also a fine gathering place for large groups of friends.

With excellent and complete dinners starting at \$5.95 no one will ever accuse you of being overly extravagant. Your date will surely consider you romantic for taking them to this quaint sidewalk cafe.

Serving a wide variety of Cuban and Spanish foods prepared daily from only fresh ingredients, Felix has something for everyone. It is evident from the quality and the presentation of the food, that this is a place run by people who love food and care about making their patrons happy.

Many people think the food at Felix's will be too spicy for them. But all of their meals



Don Dixon / el Don

Patrons enjoy fine cuisine and each others company at Felix's, a popular cafe in historic Old Town Orange.

are mild, yet fully flavored and only the most delicate of palates would find them too hot. For those craving zestier fare, they will prepare your meal spicy upon request.

If you've never had Cuban or Spanish food, don't expect anything too exotic. It is just good basic food which they prepare expertly and with exquisite taste. A favorite dish there is the pollo criollo, which is nothing more than a chicken breast lightly seasoned and then grilled to perfection.

All meals come with rice and your choice of black beans or creamed spinach. A hint: Try the creamed spinach with the cordon bleu and the black beans with the omelettes.

The meals also come with your choice of maduros or tostones. These are both types of

fried plantains, a type of sweet banana. The maduros are made from ripened plantains and are sweet and soft. The tostones are made from green plantains and are a little crispier and have a nutty taste.

Also, all of the dinners come with your choice of soup or salad and a crusty french bread baked that day.

Try the soups no matter how weird you may think they sound. The cream of carrot soup may seem strange, but it is delicately flavored. Like the rest of their food being so well done, it is a must try.

Similarly the halibut and vegetable soup may not sound appetizing. But with its thick rich broth and large chunks of fresh grilled fish, it is a surprisingly hearty and gratifying

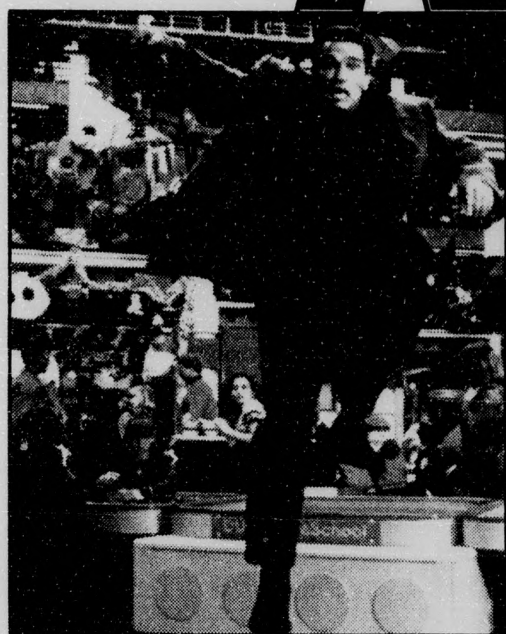
course to start your meal.

Situated in historic Old Town Orange, Felix is the perfect place to just sip on their fine coffee from their espresso bar and watch the world go by. Sunday is a particularly fine time for hanging out, as the Circle is a popular destination for clubs who's interests are classic cars, hot-rods and motorcycles; patrons are treated to a moving auto show as they dine.

One of the nicer features of Felix's is the friendly atmosphere. Most diners there are regulars, who can tell you as much about the menu as the waiters can. After just a few visits, you too will be treated like a regular.

If you'd like a place where everybody knows your name, Felix is the place.

The Buzz In O.C.



CONSUMERISM ON STEROIDS?

Arnold Schwarzenegger is a workaholic pop who can't even make it see to his son (Jake Loyd) win a prize at a school assembly. To make it up to his boy, Arnold goes on a take-no-prisoners search to find TurboMan, the hot and long-sold-out toy of the Christmas season. Arnold flails his arms, lumbers through pratfalls, mugs shamelessly and bellows at the top of his lungs - to no avail. He's made bad movies before but non so completely devoid of energy.



DADDY'S GIRL

Debbie Drechsler continues her compellingly brutal stories of an abusive childhood in her new comic "NOWHERE."

Drechsler's protagonist, Lily - introduced last year in the Drawn & Quarterly book "Daddy's Girl," is now a teenager and dealing with a move to a new state. New friends lead to a possible boy friend for Lily in the first part of "The Summer of Love."

Printed in two colors, NOWHERE is \$3.75 and available at quality comic stores.

LEAVING LAS VEGAS TO THE LOUNGE LIZARDS

It's the middle of the night and you're on a road trip to the city of sin. Don't listen to Pearl Jam and throw your Snoop Doggy Dog CD out the car window. Show some respect and listen to some real music like the late great hipster Sammy Davis Jr. pleading "I Gotta Be Me," Dean Martin crooning "That's Amore" and an androgynous sounding Wayne Newton singing "Danke Schoen." Mel Torme, Miss Ann-Margret, Liberace, Paul Anka, Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck and others groove and jive on Rhino Records' latest compilation "Jackpot! the Las Vegas Story."



STAFF EDITORIALS

Seeing between the racial lines

The recent controversies surrounding affirmative action, reverse and gender discrimination or bias in any form gives us pause to reflect on the gift of sight. And it makes you wonder whether or not sight really is a gift.

Maybe we would all be better off if we were blind, or at least color-blind. When people use the gift of sight to look upon their fellows with suspicion, hate or disgust, based solely on skin color or appearances, it would seem to be more of a curse than a gift.

Pride in your heritage should not to be discounted. We should be proud of and celebrate our ancestry. But maybe it's time to focus on the similarities we all share rather than the ways we differ from one and other.

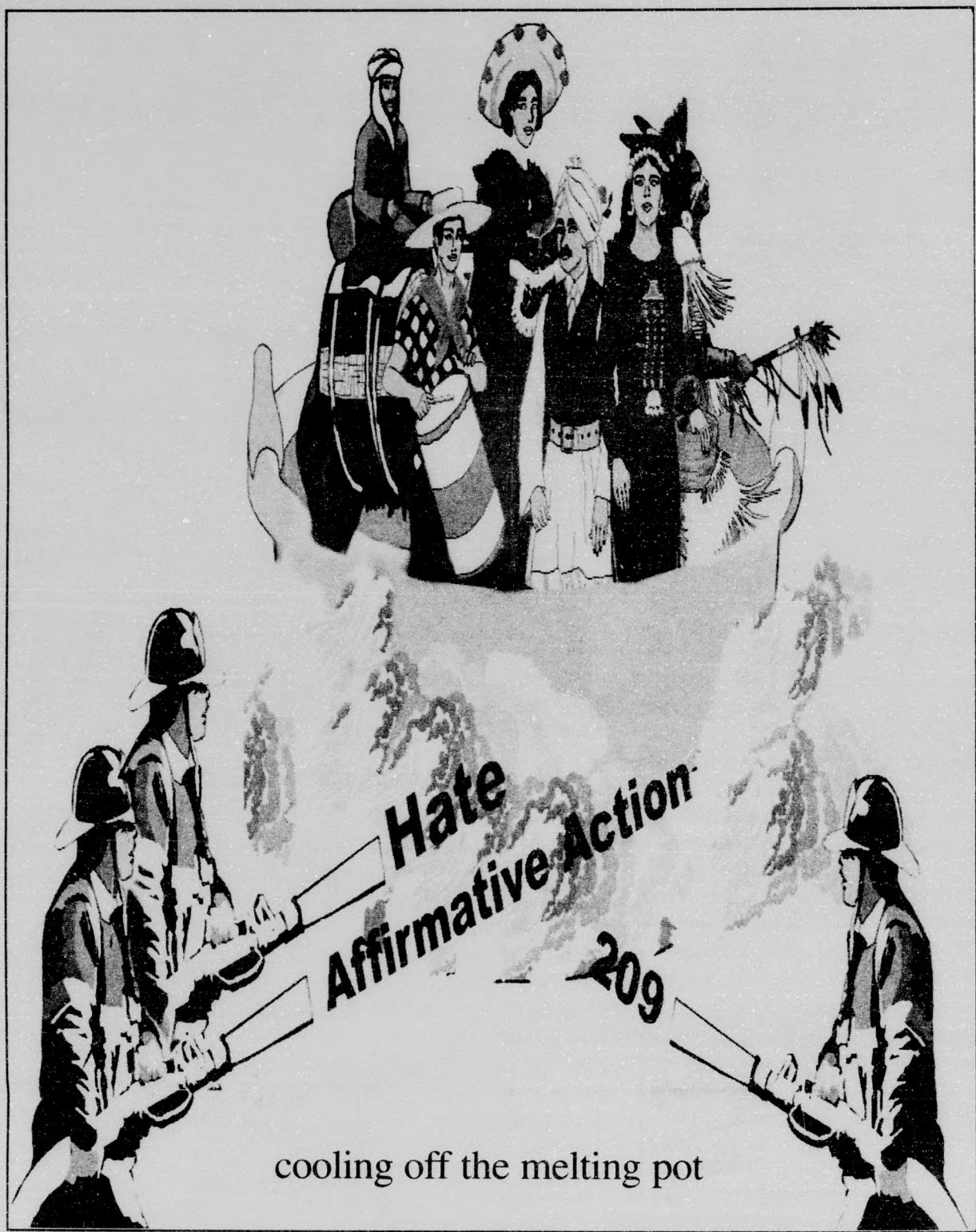
Rather than identifying ourselves by ethnic labels, we should focus on the fact that we are all Americans. Better yet, in a time where race seems to be such an issue, how about focusing on the most important and by far most prominent race ... the human race.

The recent elections further strained the already caustic bi-partisan relationship of our elected servants. The issues also provided an opening to drive a wedge deeper into the ever widening gap that separates "people of color" from people who don't happen to be the same color.

The continuing battle over Proposition 209 and the finger pointing over who's discriminating against whom does nothing to improve these relationships.

The very thing that sets this country apart from others is our diversity.

It is also ironic that the one thing that makes us both strong and unique also threatens to tear us apart.



Recreational drugs are still unhealthy

Since the passage of Proposition 215, the Medical Marijuana Initiative, state officials have been trying to find a way to circumvent the law.

Orange County Sheriff Brad Gates has been leading the effort to prevent Californians from using marijuana to alleviate pain and suffering. Gates' most recent suggestion has been to deputize state and local police as federal agents because prescribing marijuana is still a violation of federal law.

Opponents of the new law claim it is designed to bring about the legalization of all drugs. This is not the case. State and local police can still arrest people that grow or use marijuana for recreational purposes. Those using marijuana have to provide proof that the drug is necessary for the treatment of an illness or its symptoms.

The el Don does not advocate the recreational use of marijuana. Habitual marijuana use can cause memory loss, decrease motivation and can lead to respiratory disease. Healthy people should find other ways to expand their minds or have a good time. Go bungee jumping, climb a mountain, surf the net or even try some transcendental meditation. Leave drugs to sick people.

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WOMEN CAN JUMP

By Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Staff Writer

**Move over
Michael Jordan,
the ladies are
taking the court**

Mike Coleman

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an anyone tell me who's the No. 1 team in the ABL?

Yes, the ABL, American Basketball League.

Anyone? Anyone?

Does anyone know what the ABL is?

I didn't think so.

Women's professional basketball, most people probably weren't aware it existed. How could they? Women's teams aren't exactly making front page news, and the highlights aren't keeping people up late to watch the nightly sportscasts. But women's professional basketball is very much a reality, struggling to exist in a typically male dominated sport.

October marked the inaugural season of the ABL, the latest attempt to bring women athletes into the professional basketball world. Opening weekend saw both sell-out games and competitive basketball, much like the final games of the summer Olympics.

The success of these games has had a lasting effect on even the most hard to please sports critics.

Many believe that this league can survive. And to women, the advantages of this league surviving is much more than just money. It's the principle of the matter, making gender-equality even more feasible.

Enrollment in women's basketball programs has skyrocketed over the past 14 years. The skill of a basketball player is often overlooked if she is a woman. Arguments of charisma, talent and finesse seem to leave women lagging in this area. But many disagree.

John Wooden, a basketball Hall of Famer, believes that women are playing the best pure basketball that he's seen in a while. People enjoy quality, hard fought contests.

But if they don't have the Michael Jordan name or Dennis Rodman's personality, and most importantly Shaquille O'Neal's paycheck, no one takes the time to bother.

And with these men being role models for so many young boys, who are the girls supposed to look up to? The ABL provides the role models, sending the girls the message that it is all right to sweat and play hard and get dirty. They don't have to be confined to certain sports, they can excel at wherever they want.

Young and innocent, the league still has players unmarred by controversy; providing heroes for American girls. These are women they can admire both on and off the field. They will learn how to be athletes and businesswomen right from the start.

Marketing plays a substantial part in the success of the league. While they have a bankroll of about \$4 million dollars, they

still need ticket sales to build revenue. And from the start, Reebok has been the only sponsor. Last year women bought almost half of the \$3 million dollar merchandise that was marketed.

The world is ready for women's professional basketball. They prove that with their pocketbook.

Games are selling out and good basketball is being played, but there is no national ad campaign and no national television coverage. A new era in basketball has begun. People don't know where it is going but through persistence it is paying off.

In the end, something will prevail, whether it be women's professional basketball or another season of Michael, Dennis, and Shaq, no one knows.

One advantage for the women though, this spring when everything else ends, Women's National Basketball Association will begin its inaugural season. Imagine two months of basketball sponsored by the NBA, nine teams from nine different cities, getting the coverage they deserve.

Of course you can always flip over and watch baseball ... men's professional baseball. But there might be a little more action on the court than on the field.

After all, with the NBA backing this endeavor, there is sure to be a female version of Dennis Rodman.

MAILBOX

MINORITIES DON'T VOTE

According to recent studies published by The Los Angeles Times, Latinos will be a majority in Southern California, Texas and Arizona sooner than we think.

After Proposition 187 passed, I asked some Latinos about their political opinion on the proposition and how they voted. Although they generally opposed it, their most common answers were, "I didn't have time to vote," or "My vote is not going to change the fact that whites are, and will be, in

control."

Thus in spite of the large percentage of the population that Latinos in California represent, I was not surprised when Proposition 209, or the so-called California Civil Rights Initiative, passed.

Minorities as defined by affirmative action provisions are Women, African-Americans, Native Americans and Latinos. They are the ones that bring the social discrimination issues to the attention of people like myself. From them we learn that affirmative action not only protects people against discrimination, based on race, color, creed or national

origin, but also protects women from sexual harassment in the workplace, to name a few.

If all minorities combined to exceed 50 percent of the voting population, it is hard for me to understand why both propositions 187 and 209 passed.

The question is, if minorities in general are so strong to inform the general public of discriminating issues, why can't they be strong enough to make it to the polls and successfully block these anti-affirmative action measures?

The answer is quite simple: Voter apathy.

-Oscar E. Schulte, RSC student

STOP CRYING OVER 209

The American Dream of achieving a college degree, getting a decent job, and having a well-founded family is defined in two simple words "HARD WORK."

I am convinced that everything is possible in this outstanding country of opportunities, whenever I read stories about successful people like the one about Maria Guadalupe Vasquez. Vasquez was an Oxnard homeless, minority woman who managed to earn two degrees at Stanford University.

The fact that Proposition 209 has passed, eliminating programs

for minorities and women, is no reason to sit down and cry. On the contrary, it represents a challenge for me.

As a mother of three small children, I am putting money aside for their college education but, most importantly, I have committed myself in helping them every night with their homework.

So, if you were affected by the elimination of affirmative action, stop your whining, think about Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, and get to work.

-Juana Luviano

FIGHTING TILL THE END



Lady Dons finish season with a losing record as coach disciplines team

Rocio Gutierrez
el Don Staff Writer

Frustrated, tired, and sweaty the women's soccer team lined up on the side line while Head Coach Robyn Kobayashi chastised them for their second fight of the season and then made them run laps in front of the crowd.

The Lady Dons ended their season with an upsetting 6-11-3 record, finished fifth in the Orange Empire Conference and lost their last game to Fullerton 4-0.

Playing with a strong offense, the Dons kept the Hornets on the run. Sweeper Selena Aquino and full-back Michelle Cairry ferociously defended their goal. Cairry received a yellow card after her fourth foul for her aggressiveness.

All of the Lady Dons' spirit was not enough to stop Fullerton's center forward Amber Duarte from scoring her 25th goal of the season.

Forward Julie Patton maneuvered the ball towards the Hornets goal numerous times throughout the game. But her team-mates were not there with her, making it impossible for her to score.

After ending the first half 0-3, the Lady Dons came back aggressively, but the hornets scored a fourth goal with about 20 minutes left.

The Dons tried to make the Hornets wish they never scored that last goal. Cairry who was filled with anger, took it all out on Fullerton's forward. Most members from both teams joined the fray and the game quickly turned into a melee.

Both Cairry and Fullerton's forward were red carded and expelled from the rest of the game.

"It's always frustrating to lose, but when the girls are doing so well and then end it with a fight, that's frustrating," Kobayashi said.

FOOTBALL WRAP-UP

Dons end season with two victories

Rancho finishes 2nd in Mission Conference

By Bruce Shorts
el Don Staff Writer

Two days of rain, a muddy field and three blocked kicks by the Don's special teams destroyed Fullerton's dreams of victory as Rancho defeated the Hornets 24-3 on Saturday.

Rancho's victory gave the Dons a 4-2 conference and 6-4 overall record, placing them second in the Mission Conference for the season. Fullerton's record of 3-3 and 5-5 placed the Hornets fourth in the standings.

Noted as the oldest community college rivalry in California, Rancho and Fullerton played to break a 34-34-4 tie.

Because of poor field conditions early in the game, both offenses danced the 1-2-3 punt tango.

Frustrated with their inability to move the ball down the field, Fullerton's kicker Chris Diaz attempted a 48-yard field goal.

Rancho's Kody Miller blocked the field goal which was recovered by RSC defensive lineman Siisialafia Liufau on the Hornets 24-yard line.

Moving the ball down the field, Dons Quarterback Matt Mitchell completed two passes to tight end Aaron Kenney - leading to a Dons' touchdown. RSC kicker Jerry Arquello made the extra point giving the Dons a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, the duo of Miller and Liufau struck again as Fullerton attempted to punt from their 1-yard line. Miller blocked the punt and Liufau recovered the ball in the

endzone raising the Dons score to 14-0.

"It was great," Miller Said. "I came in at full speed and it happened."

In the second half, Fullerton moved the ball down the field, but the Dons' defense kept them out of the endzone.

"They have a good defense," said Hornets running back Carvel Gardner. "They just played harder than us." Gardner rushed for 94-yards on 24 carries in the game.

Both teams ended the third quarter with one field goal apiece, but Rancho's Gray scored on a 5-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to seal the victory for the Dons.

"We had our butts kicked by their special teams," said Hornets Head Coach Gene Murphy.

RSC vs. Golden West

A week earlier, the Dons spoiled another homecoming as Rancho defeated Golden West 30-29 at

LeBard stadium.

Billed as the battle of the backs between Golden West's Charles Chatman and Rancho's Jermaine Gray, it turned into a one man show for RSC freshman Tramel Robinson.

Hard work in practice was the reason Robinson was starting back instead of Gray according Dons Coach Ogas.

"I read the holes the offensive line made for me," Robinson said. "I would not let myself get tackled by one person." Robinson rushed for 194 yards on 33 carries. Gray was held to 8 yards on 4 carries.

A 7-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell to Brian Schley and a field goal by Jerry Arquello gave the Dons a 10-0 lead with 14:38 remaining in the second quarter.

Golden West responded to the with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Rustlers Quarterback Brian Baughn to wide receiver Mike

McCullough making the score 7-10 at the half.

Rancho kept up the offensive attack with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell to Kenney and a 3-yard touchdown run by Gray. The Dons tried to shut the door on the Rustlers with a 23-7 lead with 14:30 left in the game.

The game was far from over, at the 10:48 mark, Rustlers defender Shawn Moore recovered and ran back a 22-yard fumble by RSC's Gray to make the score 23-15.

Responding to the challenge, Mitchell answered Golden West with a 10-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mike Ogas to take a 30-15 lead.

Golden West scored two touchdowns in five minutes making the score 30-29, but fell short when Hornets kicker Brian Bexer missed the extra point with 1:56 remaining in the game. The Dons ran out the clock to claim the victory.

RANCHO HOOPS OFF AND RUNNING

Pagett's return spurs Dons to tourney victory

By Bruce Shorts
el Don Staff Writer

With only one player returning and the head coach back from a year's sabbatical, the Men's basketball team is off to a good start after winning the Citrus tournament on Saturday.

RSC defeated Citrus College 70-59 and Santa Barbara College 83-67 to bring home the championship trophy and improved their record to 4-1.

The Dons used a balanced attack on offense coupled with a trapping defense to start a winning streak at three games.

Freshman Lohnnie Tape led RSC in scoring with game highs of 22 and 24 points.

"This is considered a rebuilding year," said Head Coach Dana Pagett. "I'm excited about working with a new team."

"Our team is young and inexperienced," Pagett said, "but it will be great watching the young men become the best players they can be."

Pagett has won 20-plus games per season the last 9 out of 10 years.

Starters for the Dons are 6 foot 7 inch forward Tape from Esperanza High School in Anaheim.



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Brian Slusser makes another rebound against El Camino College during a victorious home game Nov. 22.

Seven freshmen and new coach leave women 6-0

Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Staff Writer

Just in time for Christmas, two new coaches and seven freshmen players gave Rancho a present wrapped in red, white and black; a new era of women's basketball, beginning with a 6-0 start.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, with a 93-31 victory over Palomar, they left no doubt they will end this season differently than year's, which saw them finishing 0-14 in the Orange Empire Conference.

Newly under the direction of Head Coach Jack Single, the Lady Dons' attitudes spoke for themselves. Not afraid to get down and dirty for the ball, they hustled for an early

lead and never looked back.

Palomar didn't have a chance to catch their breath as Tanya Whitlock, a 5 foot 7 inches tall freshman from Santa Ana Valley, led the Lady Dons with 24 points, 12 of which were 3-pointers. The RSC players drove down the court with a commanding presence, never leaving any doubt who was the stronger team.



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In July, after seven years of coaching at Saddleback College, Single left the No. 2 Gauchos, which he took to the state championships last season. He accepted the head coaching position at RSC, where his team consists of seven freshmen and one sophomore. Single brought his assistant, Coach Clark Wilkerson with him from Saddleback.

The teams inexperience isn't holding them back nor is their size, with players ranging from 5 feet 6 inches to 6 feet 2 inches tall, they scored 508 points during their first

six games to their opponents' 269 points.

Antoinette Thompson, a 5 foot 10 inches tall freshman from Inglewood Morningside High, was named the community college athlete of the week in both the L.A. Times and the Orange County Register. She set an RSC single-game record with 29 rebounds and 21 points in an 83-40 victory over West Los Angeles Nov. 22.

Even with strong performances from every team member, Coach Single isn't quick to make predictions for the upcoming season or even give false praise.

"We need to play a little bit better, and the toughest teams are yet to come," Single said.

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A quick player who has a good inside game and shoots well from outside the perimeter - Tape was a highly recruited player, according to Pagett.

Andres and Vladimir Nieto are brothers from Marina High School in Huntington Beach. Andres, a 6 foot 2 inch guard, is considered the best defensive player on the team. Vladimir at 6 feet, is the Don's three point shooter who played on the 1993-1994 Mens Basketball team.

Mark Saukkola, a 6 foot 4 inch freshman guard from Villa Park High School in Orange is an asset

to the team as well. Saukkola hit the winning free throws against the College of the Canyons to give Rancho its first victory of the season.

Rounding out the starting five is Brian Slusser, a 6 foot 6 inch forward from Edison High School in Huntington Beach.

Slusser is one of the better rebounders on the team and plays tough on defense.

Coming off the bench for the Dons is ShaRon Channel from Inglewood High School and Brian Siddons from Corona High School.

Channel is the quickest player on the team and Pagett looks forward to him running their fast break. Siddons is a smart player and plays hard in every game.

One other player to be noted is Robbie Banks from Brea High School.

In the game against El Camino College, Banks came off the bench to contribute 10 points and 6 rebounds in the Dons victory.

"Orange Empire Conference favorites are Riverside College, Irvine Valley College and Saddleback college," Pagett said. "Each year, those three schools along with RSC, are in the hunt for the conference title."

Rancho begins conference play on Jan 8, against Orange Coast College at 5:30 p.m. in Cook Gym.

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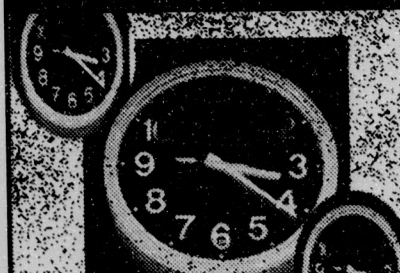
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